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Victorian Federal Redistribution Committee  
Australian Electoral Commission

Dear Sirs

Please accept this submission for the 2017 Redistribution of Victorian Federal seats. This submission covers the amalgamation of electorates, the creation of new ones and names for them.

1. As the population of Melbourne and its surrounding suburbs continues to increase at a much greater pace than that of the regional areas, it is obvious that new electorates need to be added to the metropolitan area. To that end, I suggest amalgamating the two regional electorates of Mallee and Wannon into a new Federal seat to be named after the former PM Malcolm Fraser, who represented the area for many years.
2. Losing one of those regional sets would mean that two new electorates could then be added to the outer metropolitan area: one to be created from the northern electorates of Calwell and McEwen which is more than 20% above the average enrolment and the other from the western electorates of Gorton and Lalor.
3. One of these electorates could be named Burke, which existed for many years and which seems appropriate given that Wills still exists. The other could be named after another prominent Victorian or even the name of Henty could be reinstated.
4. I endorse the current popular movement to replace the bland name of Melbourne Ports with Monash, an important historical figure who has surprisingly not had an electorate named after him before.

I thank you for your consideration of these points.

Yours sincerely  
Dr Michael Hedger

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